

or Companie of the Potters.

TO the tune of, *In Edenburgh, behold.*

At the first went we, as here you see.

But since our Corporation, on this fashion.

And to our Hall, thus we goe all,



Thile blessed is that Land
where King and Rulers bee,
and men of great Command
that careful are to be,
that carefull are to be,
to be unto all their people all
rich, poore, both great and small,
are by his care defend.

As plainly hath appeared,
by that was lately done,
for them that burthens beare,
and doe on unkinde runne:
the Doctors of this Citie,
so ne being men of Trade. (17)
but now the moze, the moze the pit-
ty crosses are decayde.

But bearing honest mindes,
their charge for to maintaine,
as Gods command them bindes,
with tranquill and with paine;
they all haue wisely iorned,
for that they haue effected,
their company to lunde
and make it more respected.

Now they that were before
of meanest estimation,
by suite haue salu'd that loze,
and gainge a Copozation:
excludes, and shuts out many
that were of base esteeme,
and will not suffer any
such person bide with them.

But such as well are known,
and honest Aes imbrace :
among them theils haue none
that haue no biding place :
among them theils haue none
(as neare as they can finde)
but such as well are known
to beare an honest minde.

For none unto their hall
they pay their quarteridge holow,
attending matters call,
and leaving matters frowne.

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there seeking for redress
and right if they haue wrong.
there, they that doe transgresse
haue that to them both long.

It is a common mistake
to think that they can be used
as a substitute for the
lumber as the market
was on a confidence basis:
for the owner is much better,
but for the offender too,
to take this new made paper,
there is a lumber basis.

That thine was some slight ones,
some in oblivion brownd,
and then againe another
would in his fault be found:
not caring for their credit,
and trust another time.
the orders therefore as a bit
to hold them from that crime.

They that are rash, and rude,
and ultimately runne
as their owne wills conclude,
and cannot well be wonne
to condescend, and stand
to orders they haue made,
by the Rulers out of hand,
haue flukes vpon their laide.

Allarres and byrles are bare
that amongst them might arise,
first commers first is rude,
where as a birthen lies,
if one be ready there
he must his profite take :
all other must forbear
and no resistance make,

Such as have long bin knowen
to be this bearing trade,
and into yeares are growen,
(so that their strength decaye)
they can no longer laboure
as they have done before,
the Companies therefore

These and a many more
good orders they have, sure,
to make rude fellows know
their stoutness, both private
but their alone settlement

but things will be as it is,
as off it hath bin known,
the number of them is,
a thousand forty one.

They all met together,
with handsomely arrayed,
at Christ Church, to hear there
a sermon, feasting made.
Where makes of Abundance
made out of time, they bare
about their necks in ribbons;
the chiefs, of silver ware.

To haue some them so, you'd
so many should maintaine
themselves, by such a labour,
but that, that's get with paine,
God both increase and blisse
for god himselfe hath led,
with paine and towar misse,
for all should eat our bread.

Thus therefore I conclude,
those happy men are they,
then many that delude
the world, and beare away
the sweate of poore mens labour:
their chests to cram and stuffe,
not caring for Gods iuncur,
if they haue golde enough.

Our King all King and Queens
 thou King of Kings defend,
 as thou to them hast been
 most mercifull and kinde;
 thy loue to them infinite
 blisse all they undertake;
 his Counsels counsell blisse,
 euen to thy deare lone sake.